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In re Application of: Ma et al.

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IN A MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated July 18, 2005. A Petition for a 3-month Extension of Time is being filed simultaneously herewith extending the period for a response to the Office Action up to and including January 18, 2006. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

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<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

Please amend the subject application as follows: